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In re application of:

Burke et al.

Confirmation No.: 3733

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Group No.: 1744

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Examiner: Elizabeth L. McKane

For: FILTER ASSEMBLY FOR A REPROCESSOR

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application. 1.

STATUS

Applicant is other than a small entity. 2.

EXTENSION OF TERM

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. **3.** Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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No additional fee for claims is required.

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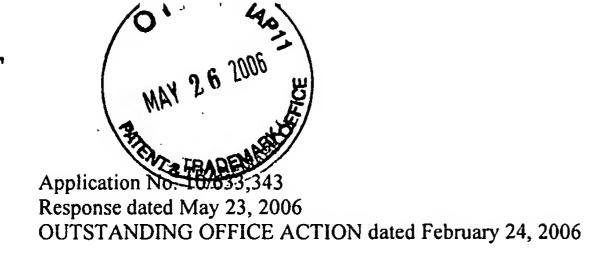
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.